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Dear Sir,

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT MAILED SEPTEMBER 15, 2004

This is a response to the Restriction Requirement mailed September 15, 2004. Claims 1 through 39 are subject to a restriction requirement under 35 U.S.C. § 121. The Examiner asserts that the claimed subject matter constitutes multiple inventions, designated by the Examiner as inventions I (Claims 1-7 and 18-24), II (Claims 8, 27-28, and 38), III (Claims 9-15 and 29-35), IV (Claims 16-17 and 39), and V (Claims 25-26 and 36-37).

Applicants hereby provisionally elect Invention 1, Claims 1-7 and 18-24, with traverse, for continued prosecution. Applicants elect with traverse because simultaneous examination of the inventions does not impose an undue burden of examination on the Examiner. (MPEP § 803)

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If the restriction requirement is made final, applicants reserve the right to continue prosecution of non-elected inventions in one or more continuing applications.

Respectfully submitted,

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